DISK DRIVE AND METHOD FOR USING A MAILBOX FILE ASSOCIATED WITH A DISK STORAGE MEDIUM FOR PERFORMING A FUNCTION CHARACTERIZED BY CONTENTS OF THE MAILBOX FILE

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ABSTRACT

A disk drive and method are disclosed for using a mailbox file associated with a disk storage medium for performing a function characterized by contents of the mailbox file. In accordance with exemplary embodiments of the present invention, a disk drive comprises a disk storage medium having a first range of

10   disk drive host interface addressable locations accessible by a host computer operating system, at least one of the addressable locations being used to designate a mailbox file. The disk drive comprises a disk controller for responding to a command from the host computer operating system that references the mailbox file to perform a function characterized by contents of the mailbox file.

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